

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Aging and Long-Term Support Administration PO Box 45600, Olympia, Washington 98504-5600

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ALTSA: ALF #2018-021 ALF FEE INCREASE

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Dear Assisted Living Facility Administrator:

The 2017-2019 biennial operating budget appropriations state has been modified in accordance with RCW 18.20.050(1)(b): Licenses Fees which states, "at the time of the application for or renewal of a license or provisional license, the licensee shall pay a license fee." The assisted living facility per bed license fee is established in the omnibus appropriations act and any amendment or additions made to that act. Budget summary materials are available online at www.fiscal.wa.gov under the Budget Bills and Documents header.

The current annual license fee for assisted living facilities has been increased by the legislature in Senate Bill <u>ESSB6032</u> from \$106 per bed beginning in fiscal year 2018 to \$116 per bed beginning July 1st, 2018. Residential Care Services is working in concert with the Office of Financial Recovery (OFR) to adjust the billing statement to reflect the updated annual licensing fee.

Assisted living facilities billed between March 15 and August 15, 2018 included an incorrect fee of \$106 per bed. An amended billing statement will be sent out to those that were billed during this period. If your license renewal date falls between July 1 and December 1, 2018, please expect this amended statement. Billing statements sent after September 15, 2018 will now reflect the new required amount of \$116 per bed.

If you have any questions, please contact **Jeanette Childress**, Policy Unit Manager, at (360) 725-2591 or childjk@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Candace Goehring, Director Residential Care Services

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